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REMARKS

The first sentence of the specification has been amended to clearly point out that applicants are claiming the domestic benefit of their provisional application under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) and applicants are not claiming any priority of their provisional application under 35 U.S.C. 120, in accordance with USPTO recommended practice.

Please find enclosed a replacement page 3 of applicants' Form 1449 filed on Nov. 27, 2000. This replacement page corrects an error in the citation of Ref. C20. This reference should be International Standard, ISO/IEC 13818-2, and not 13818-3.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from or to EMC Corporation's Deposit Account No. 05-0889/EMC-99-176.

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APPENDIX I. Version with Markings to Show Changes Made

In the Specification:

The paragraph on page 2 lines 2 to 3 has been amended as follows:

This application claims the benefit [is a division] of U.S. Provisional Application Ser. No. 60/174,360 filed Jan. 4, 2000, incorporated herein by reference.